

# Noxious Weed Coloring Book



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# Weeds?

A weed is a plant that grows where it is not wanted. In Utah we have a list called Noxious weeds, when they are ignored they spread very quickly and cause big problems.

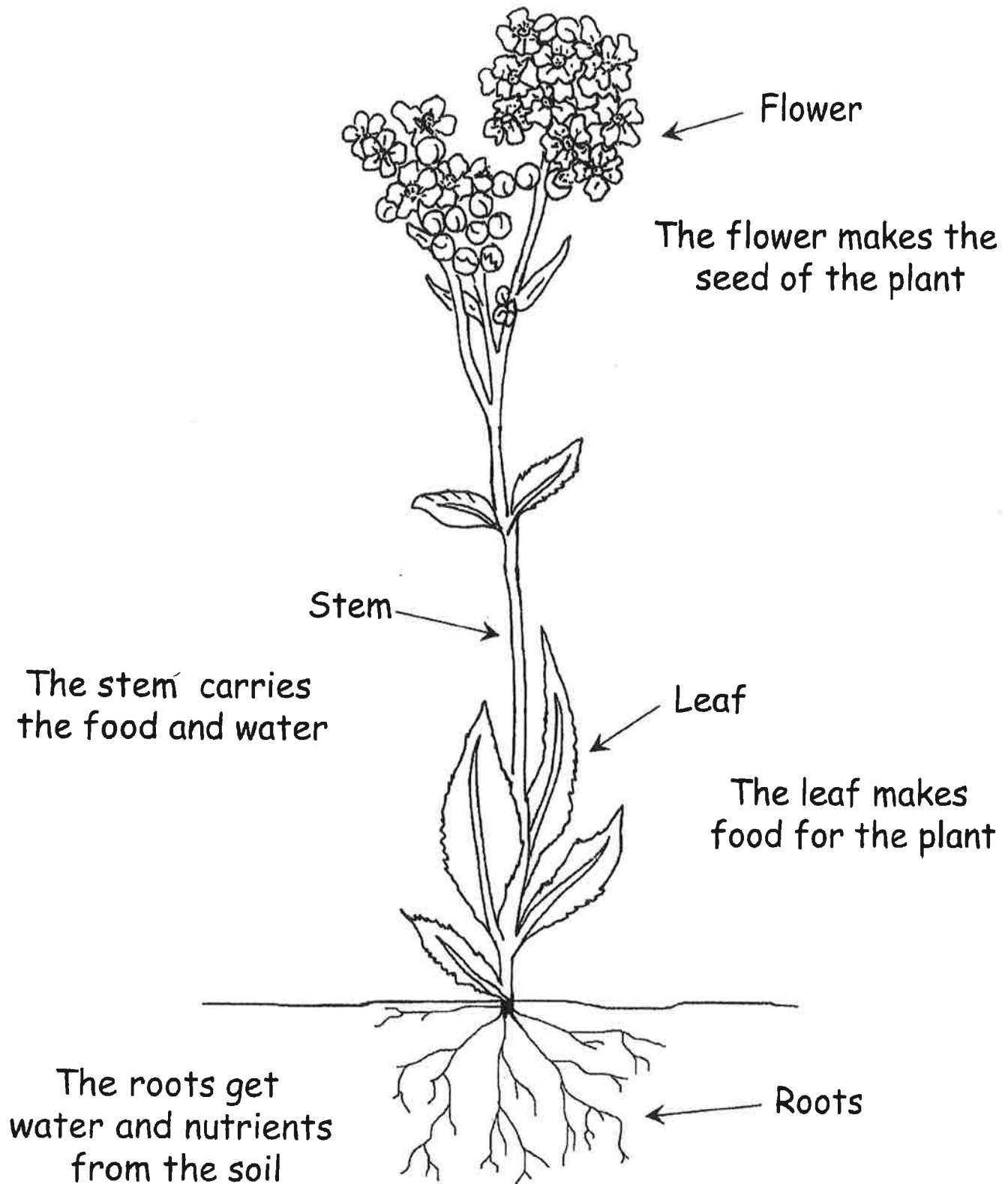
Some of them are poisonous to cattle, wildlife and sometimes humans. Some of them have very sharp stickers and thorns.

Weeds invade our farms and forest lands and force out the good plants that animals and humans need for food or shelter.

Noxious weeds can make thousands of seeds on every plant and have very deep roots that make them very hard to control.

There is a law in Utah for land owners to take care of the Noxious weeds on their property. We all need to be aware of what weeds can do to our land and how we can get rid of them.

# Parts of a Plant



# Dyers Woad



This weed  
stands up to  
4 feet tall.

The little yellow  
flowers turn into  
black seed pods that  
hang like ornaments.

The stems were  
used for making  
blue dye by the  
Pioneers.

It is very invasive  
and inedible.

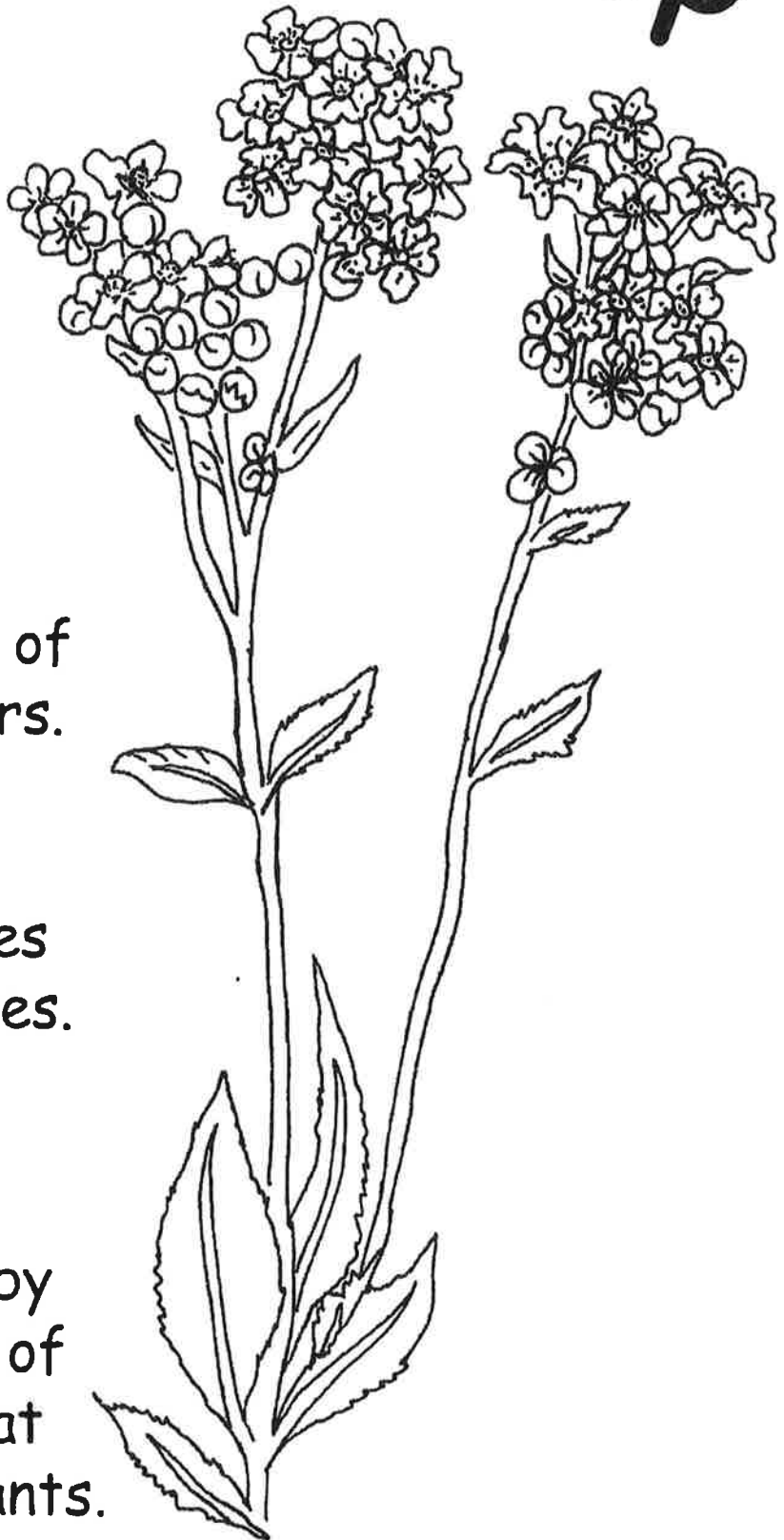
# Tall White Top

This 4 to 5 foot tall weed can have roots up to 10 feet deep.

It has hundreds of tiny white flowers.

The green leaves have jagged edges.

It takes over by pulling salt out of the ground that kills the good plants.



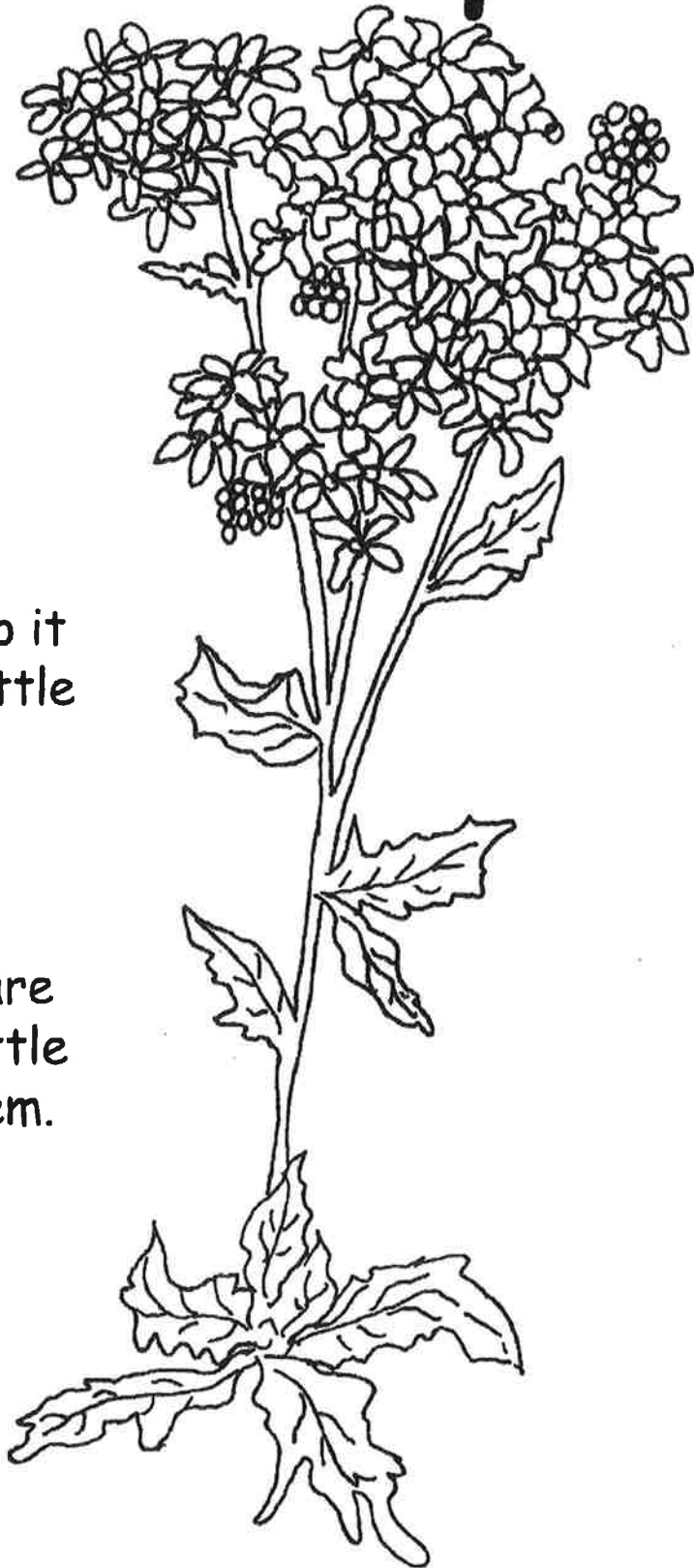
# White Top

This weed grows  
up to 2 feet tall.

Like tall white top it  
has hundreds of little  
white flowers.

The curly leaves are  
dark green with little  
white hairs on them.

It makes animals  
sick if they eat it.



# Leafy Spurge

This bad weed is  
2 to 3 feet tall.

The flowers are lime  
green and explode  
when they are ripe.

Its long skinny  
leaves are blue green.

It has a milky sap  
that can cause blindness.





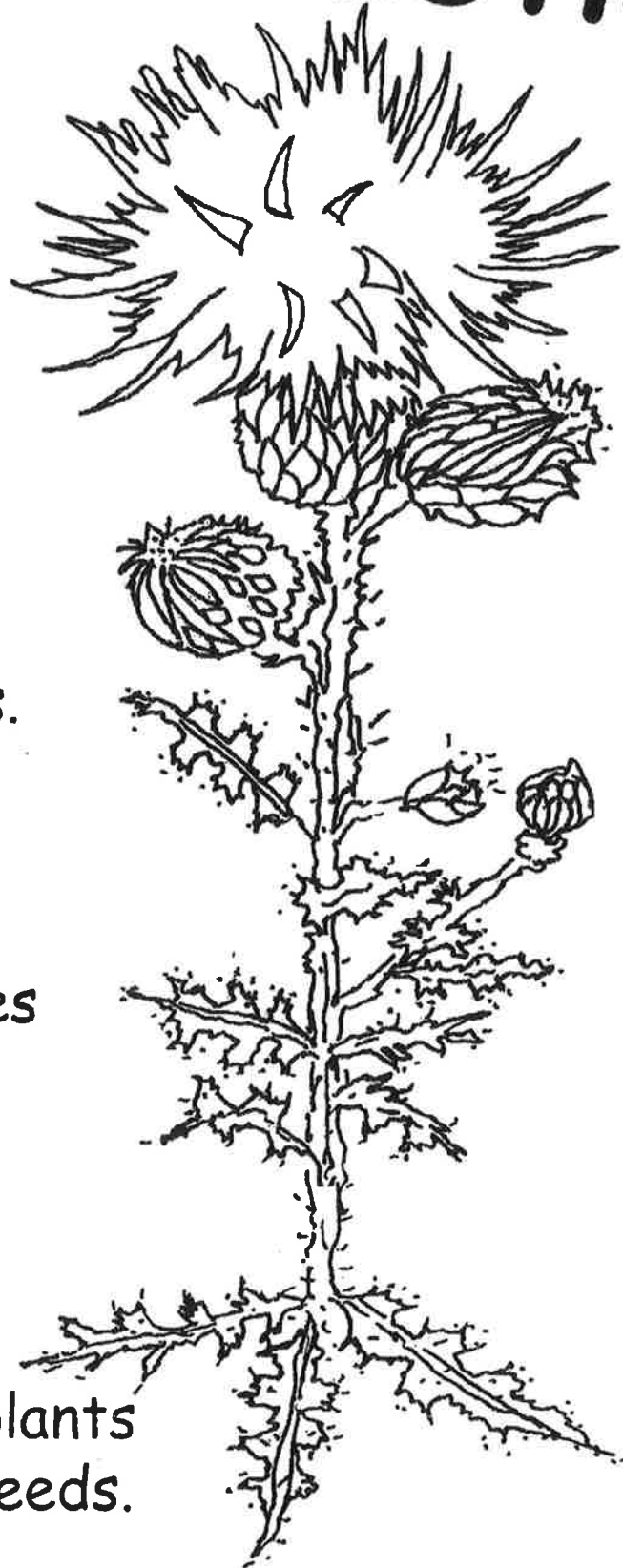
# Canada Thistle

It grows 3 to  
4 feet tall.

It has small  
lavender flowers.

Dark green leaves  
are very spiny.

It can grow new plants  
from roots and seeds.





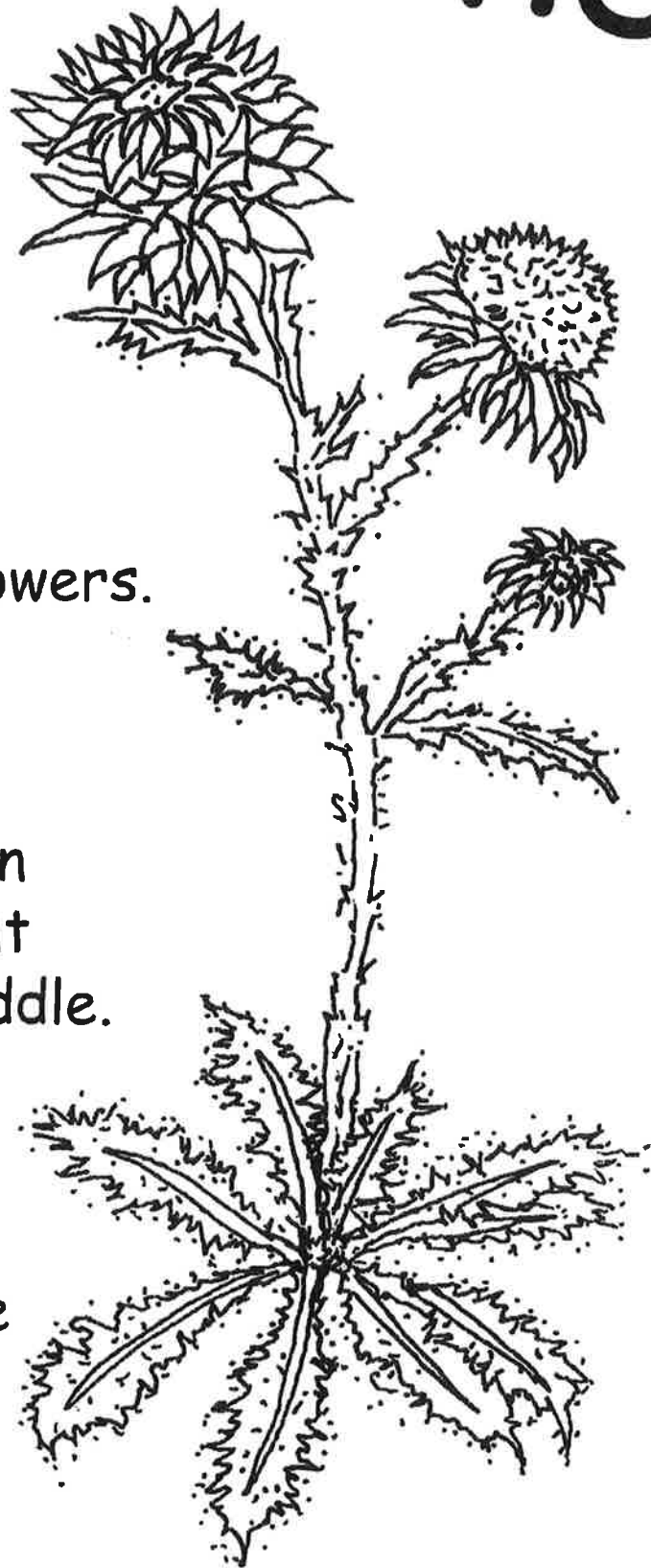
# Musk Thistle

This spiny plant  
is 4 feet tall.

It has big violet flowers.

It has dark green  
leaves with a light  
green rib in the middle.

Cattle won't eat the  
plant, but they eat  
the flowers.



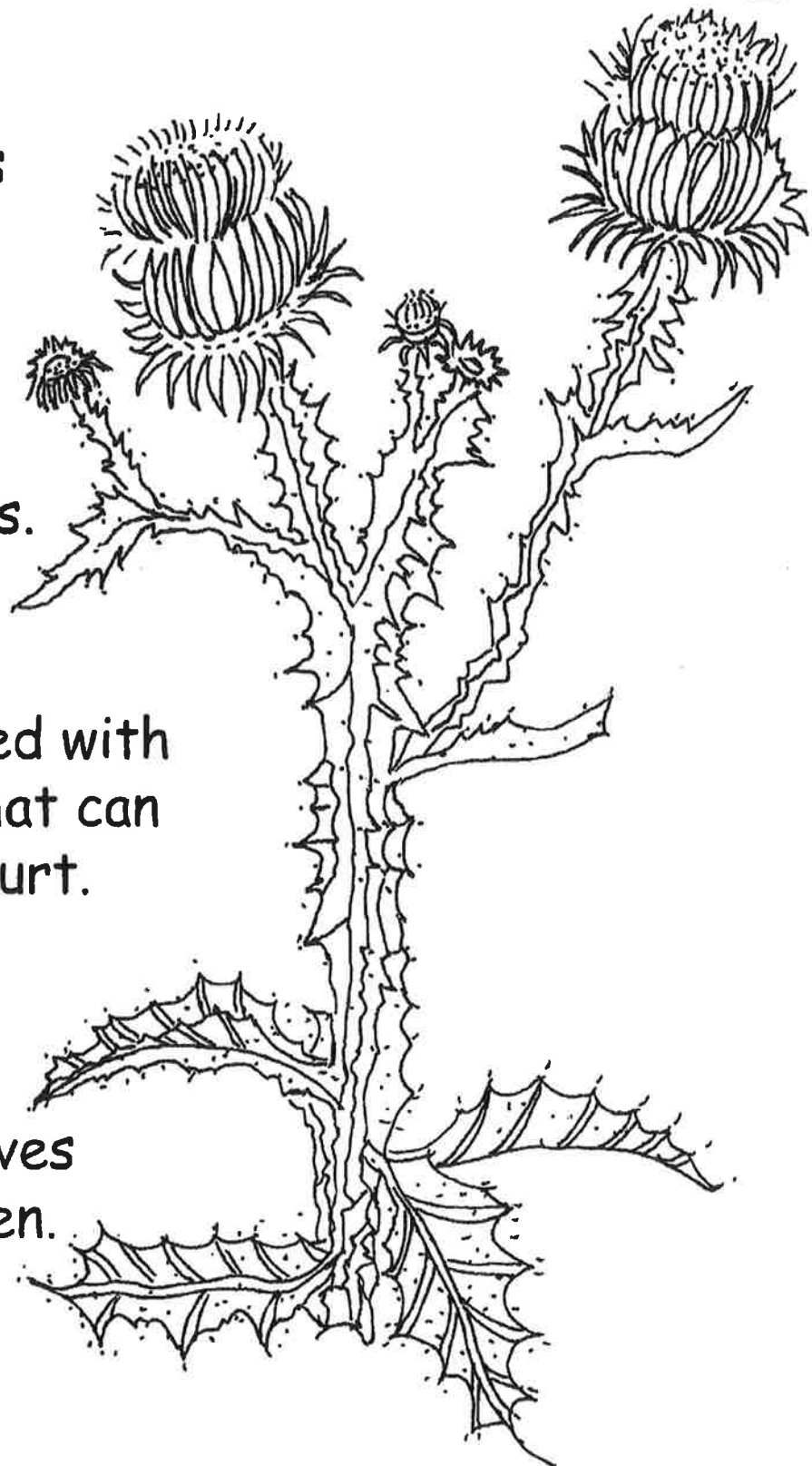
# Scotch Thistle

This weed is  
8 feet tall.

It has big  
purple flowers.

It is covered with  
needles that can  
really hurt.

The furry leaves  
are gray-green.



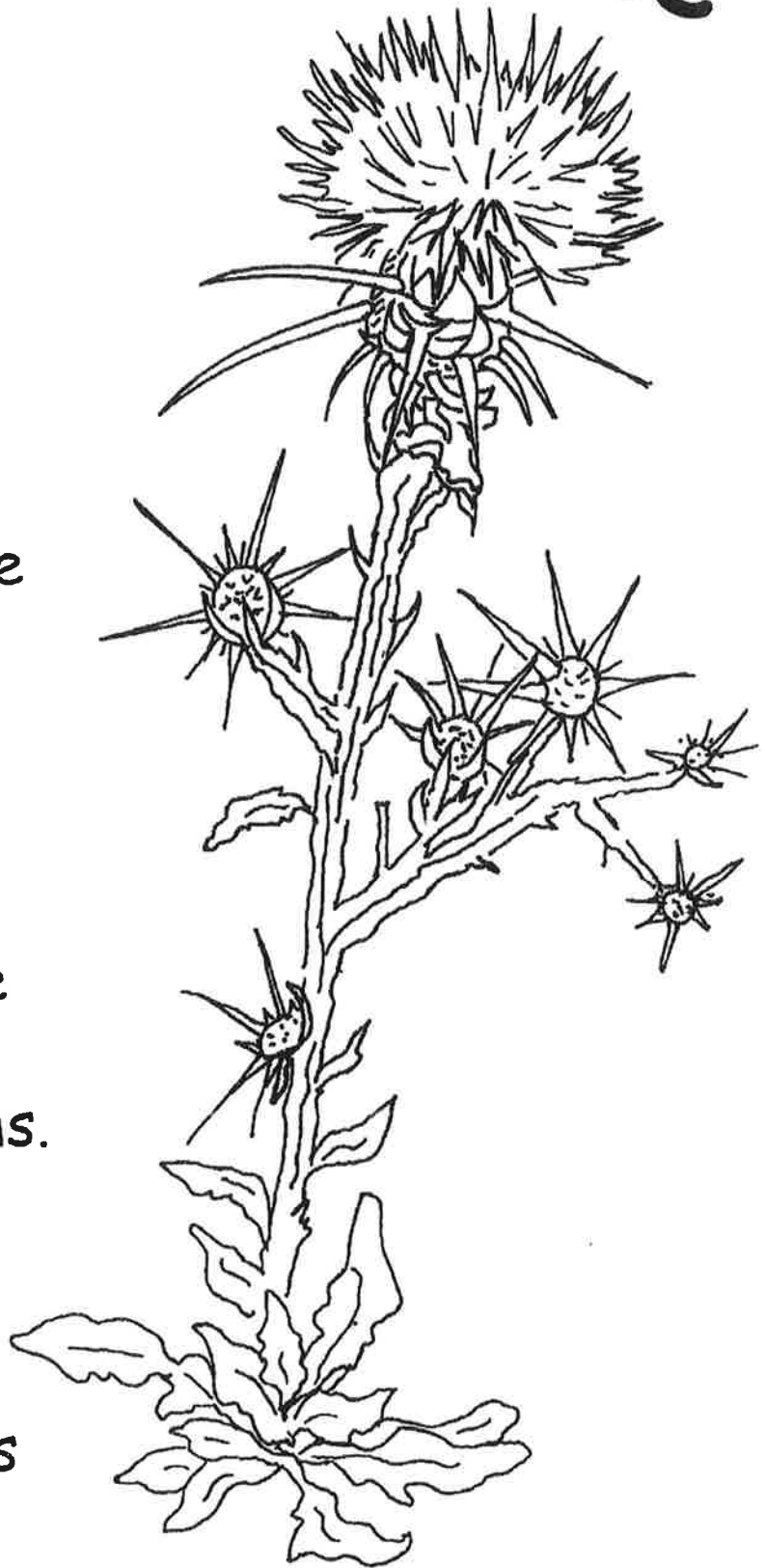
# Yellow Star Thistle

It grows as  
tall as 3 feet.

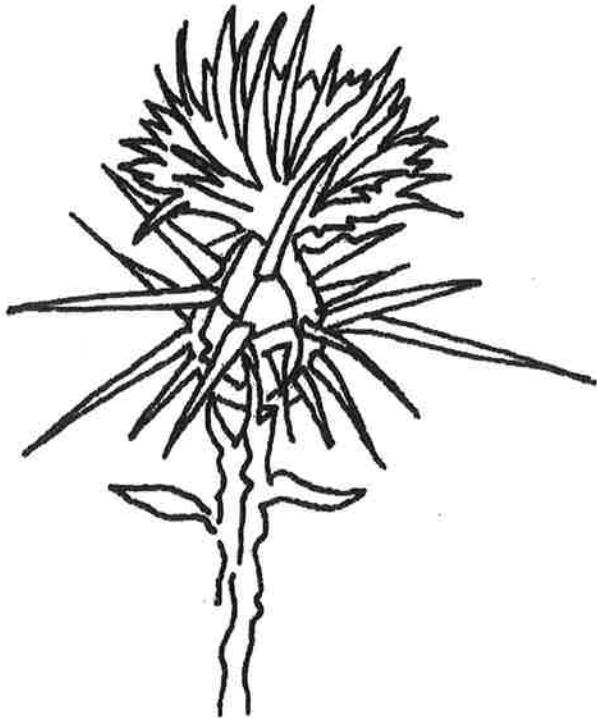
The flowers are  
yellow with  
sharp spikes.

The leaves are  
blue-green  
with fuzzy stems.

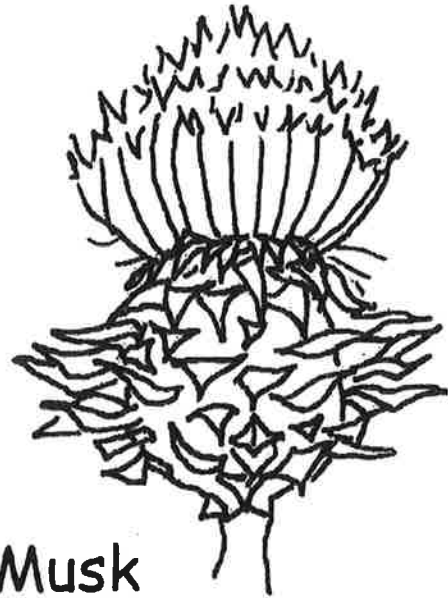
It can kill horses  
if they eat it.



# Thistle Flowers



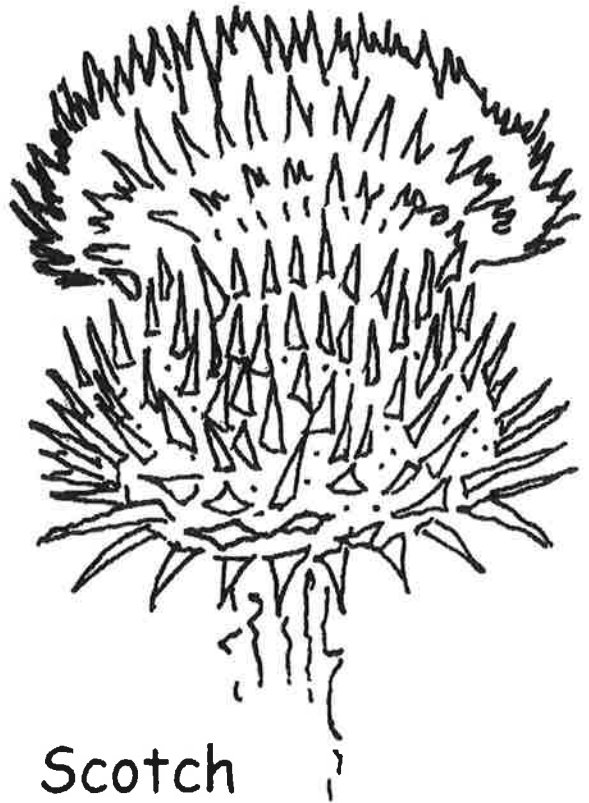
Yellow Star



Musk



Canada



Scotch

# Diffuse Knapweed

This one is  
about 2 feet  
around.

It has white  
flowers with  
sharp spines.

It has gray-green  
leaves covered  
with fine hair.

This tastes very  
bitter so animals  
avoid eating it.



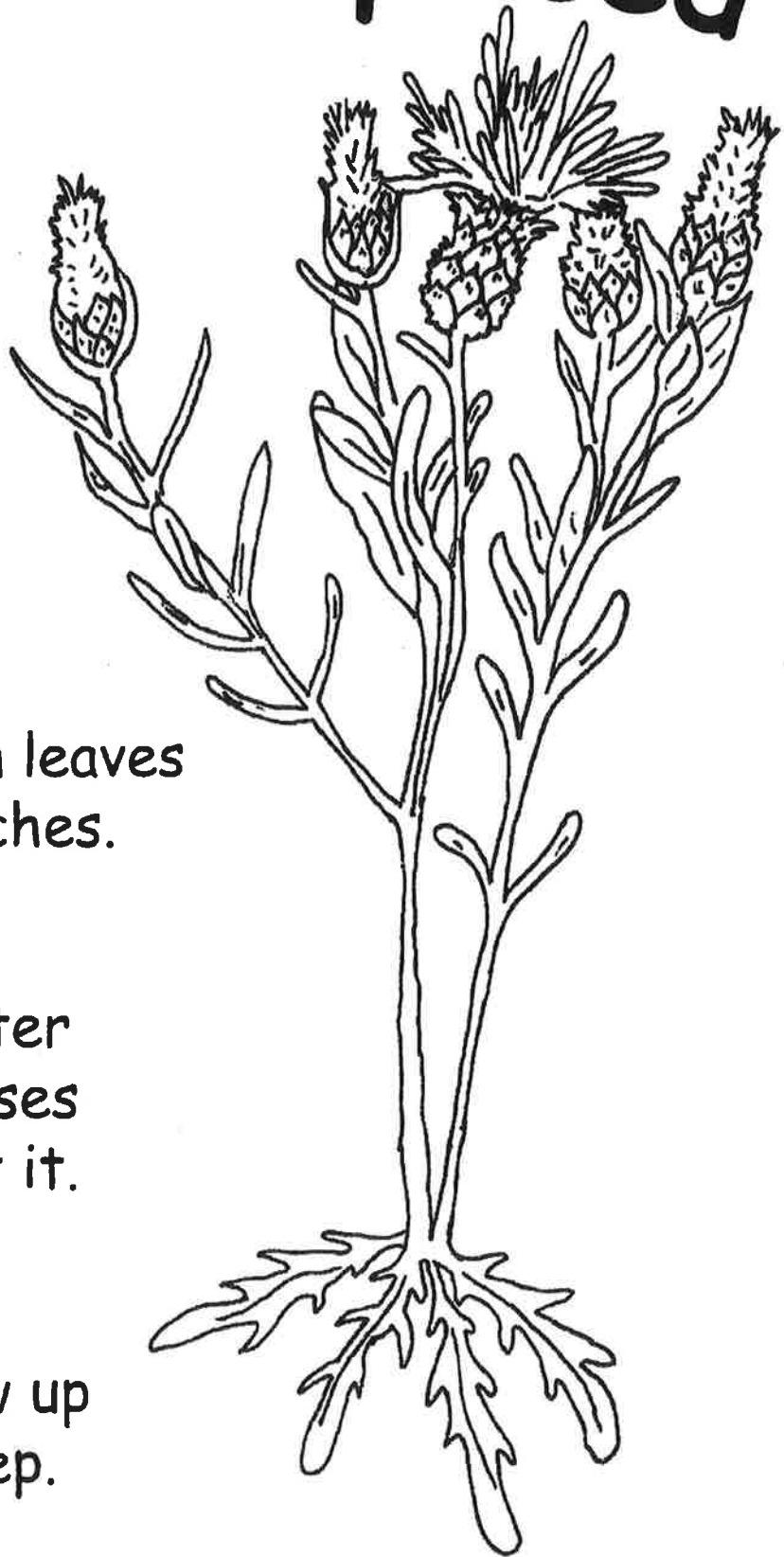
# Russian Knapweed

This 2 foot tall weed has small purple flowers.

The gray-green leaves have deep notches.

It is very bitter and hurts horses when they eat it.

The roots grow up to 8 feet deep.

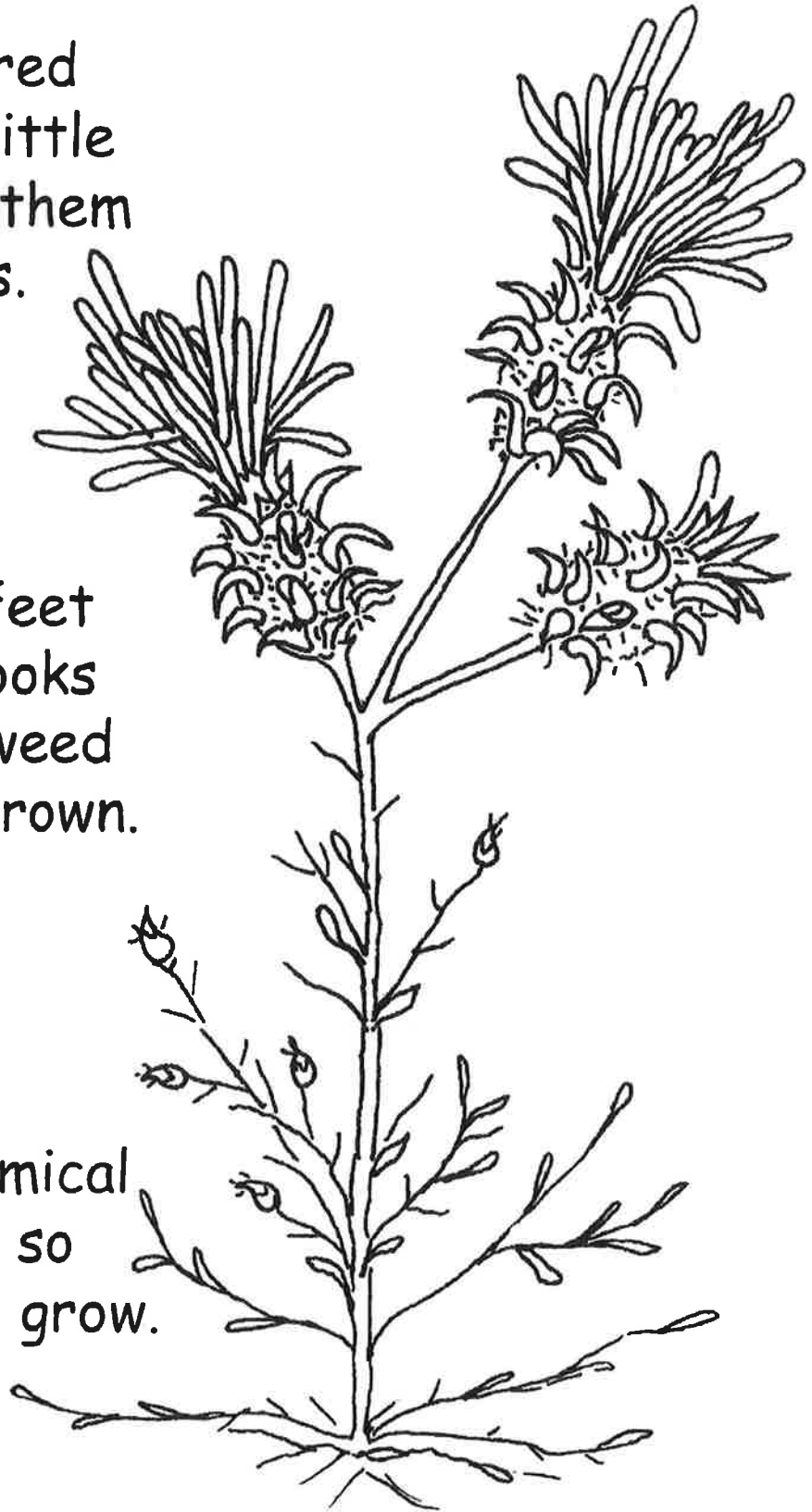


# Squarose Knapweed

The rose colored flowers have little hooks to help them stick to things.

It's up to 4 feet around and looks like a tumbleweed when it's full grown.

It sends a chemical into the dirt so nothing else will grow.





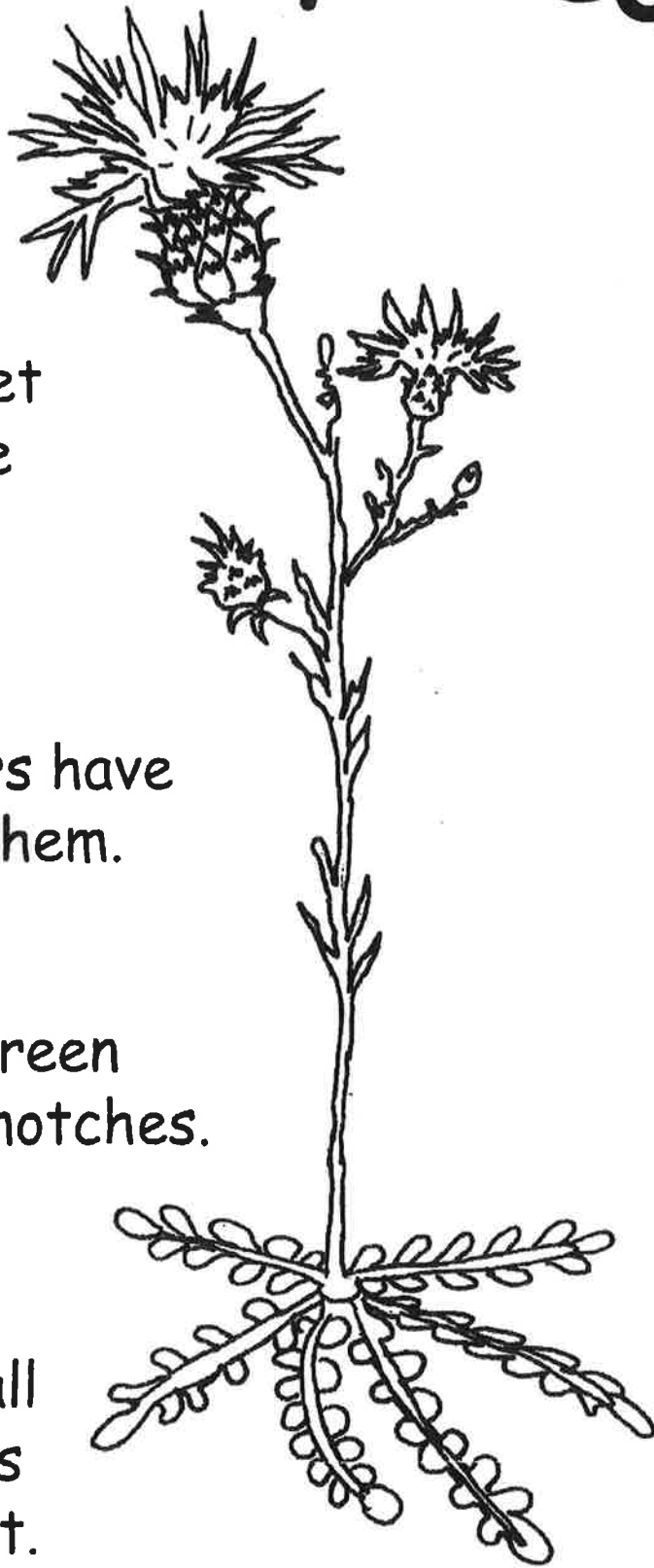
# Spotted Knapweed

This plant is 3 feet tall and some are 3 feet around.

The purple flowers have black spots on them.

It has fuzzy green leaves with deep notches.

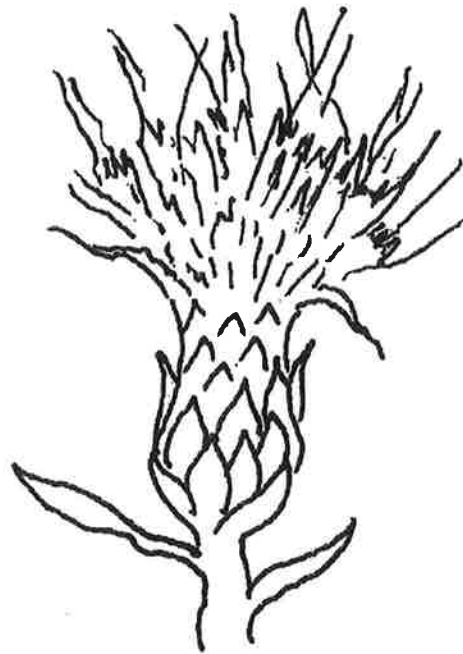
It chokes out all the good plants that animals eat.



# Knapweed Flowers



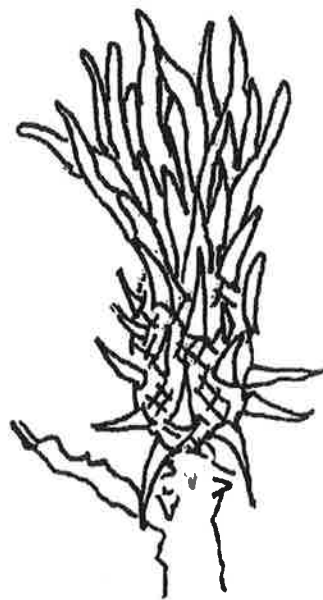
Spotted



Russian



Squarose



Diffuse

# Dalmation Toadflax

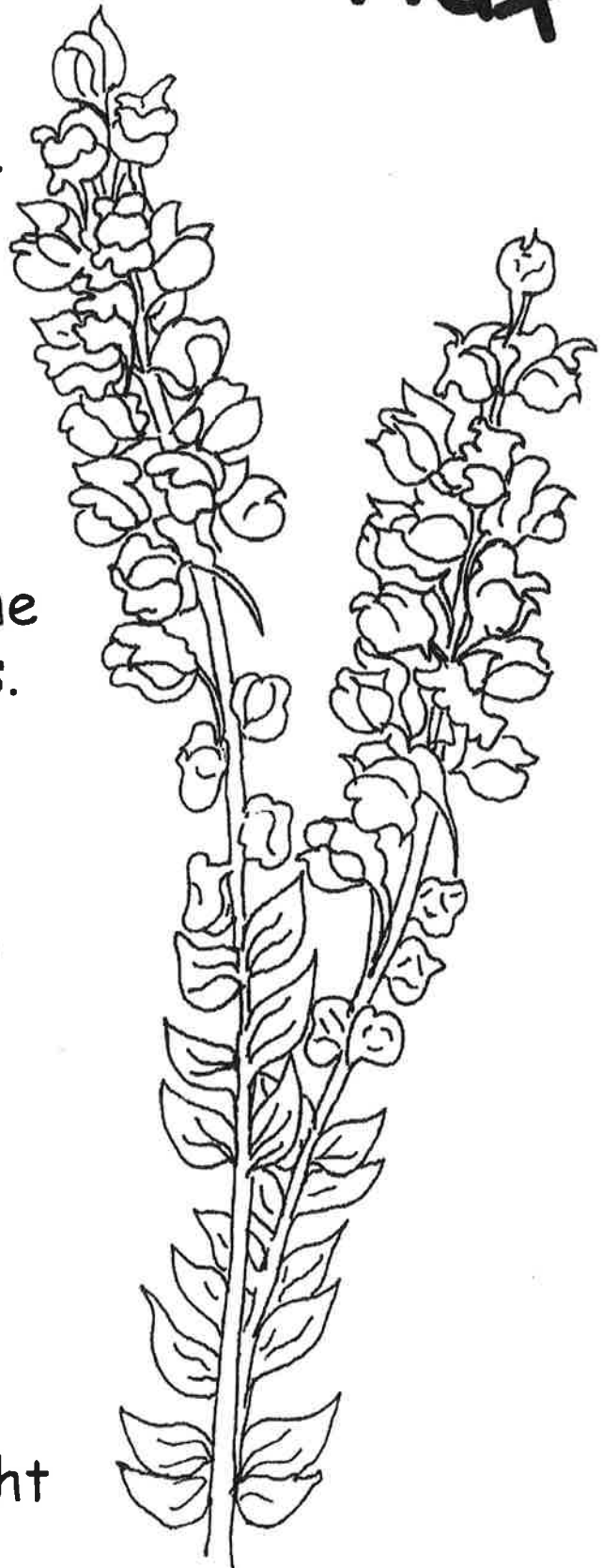
This weed is 3 feet tall.

It has light green heart-shaped leaves.

It crowds out all of the good feed for animals.



The flowers are bright yellow and orange.



# Field Bindweed

This vine grows from seeds and roots.  
It has dark green arrowhead shaped leaves.

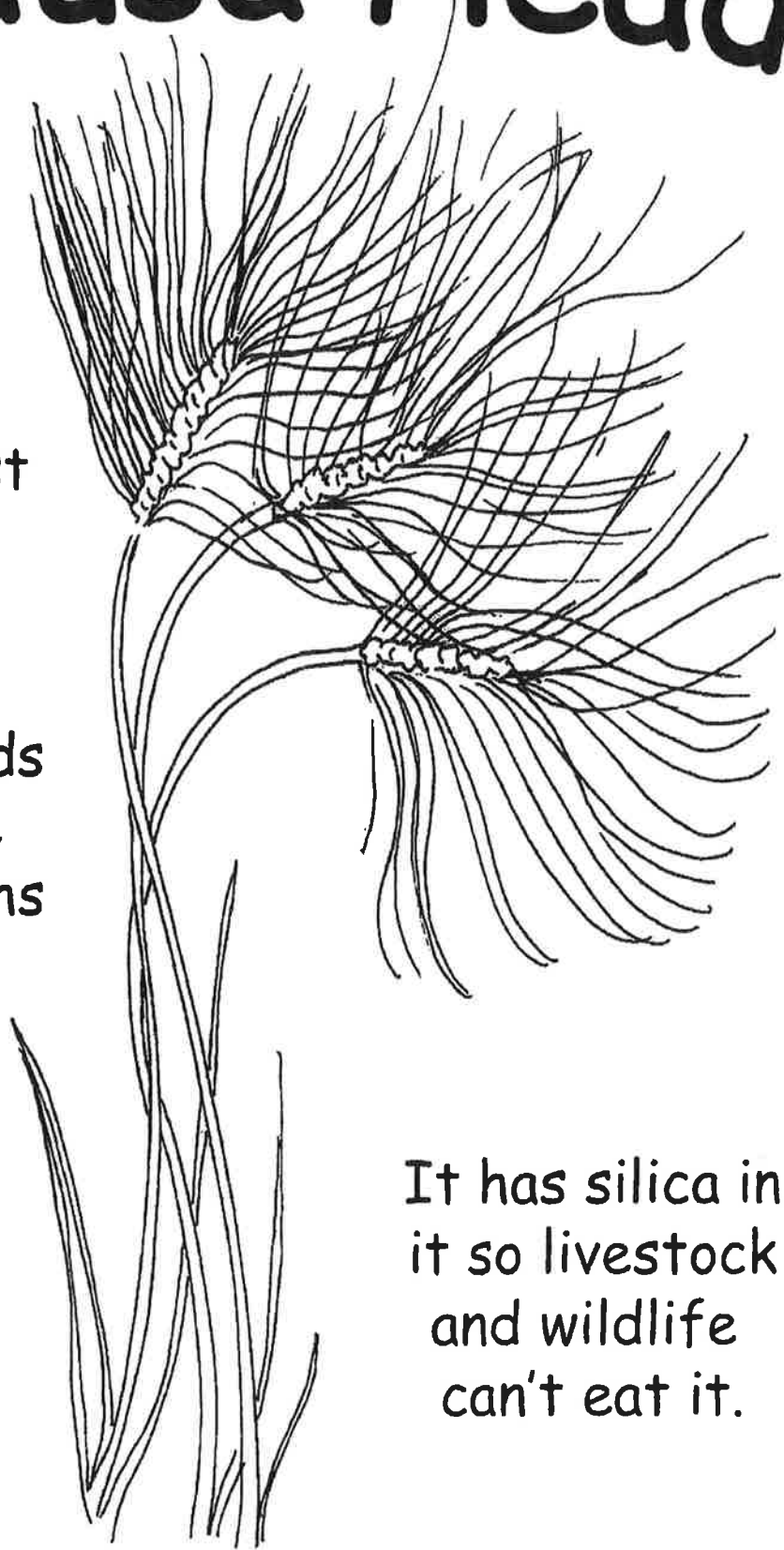


It has white funnel shaped flowers.  
The seeds last over 60 years in the ground.

# Medusa Head

This skinny  
grass is almost  
2 feet tall.

The sharp seeds  
can injure the  
eyes and mouths  
of livestock.



It has silica in  
it so livestock  
and wildlife  
can't eat it.

# Houndstongue

This weed is  
2 to 3 feet tall.

It has small  
purple flowers  
that turn into  
prickly little  
seed buttons.

The rounded  
green leaves can be  
up to 12 inches long.

It is poisonous  
to cows and horses.

